

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-8 (canceled).

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Claim 9 (Currently Amended). An accounting system including an accounting center and a terminal device for communicating with the accounting center,

the terminal device comprising:

a first memory ~~for storing~~ adapted to store accounting points;

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a second memory ~~for storing~~ adapted to store distributed information distributed from an external source;

a first controller ~~for updating~~ formed to update the accounting points stored in the first memory and ~~for updating~~ to update attributes of the distributed information when the distributed information is stored in the second memory; and

a second controller ~~for making~~ formed to transmit a request for purchasing the accounting points to the accounting center and ~~for updating~~ to update the

accounting points stored in the first memory based on an accounting processing corresponding to the accounting points executed at the accounting center, wherein

when the distributed information is stored in the second memory, the first controller updates the attributes of the distributed information to an unavailable state and updates the accounting points stored in the first memory based on the distributed information, and when the accounting points are not updated correctly, the second controller makes transmits the request for purchasing the accounting points to the accounting center and updates the accounting points, and the first controller updates the attributes of the distributed information from the unavailable state to an available state, and

the accounting center comprising:

~~accounting means for carrying a third controller adapted to carry out an other accounting processing based on the request for purchasing the accounting points transmitted from the terminal device by the second controller.-~~

Claims 10-12 (canceled).